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SUBJECT: REPORT OF INM-FUNDED PROGRAM ACTIVITY -
BOLIVIA - (MARCH 1993)

REF: LA PAZ 03041
1. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
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-- DINACO; ONCE AGAIN INTO THE MARKETS;

-- NAS/USIS SPONSOR SUCCESSFUL JOURNALIST CONFERENCE;

-- CHEMICAL CONTROL: PLANNING FOR THE NEXT GOVERNMENT;

-- COCA ERADICATION; LOTS OF EFFORT, LITTLE PROGRESS;

-- STATUS OF POP PROJECTS;

-- SEIZURE STATISTICS (MONTHLY AND CUMULATIVE);

-- WATERWAY LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT FOR FEBRUARY;

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2. DINACO; ONCE AGAIN INTO THE MARKETS
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FULL ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROVISIONS REGULATING THE LEGAL COMMERCE IN COCA IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR CN OBJECTIVES. CONTROLLING THE LEGAL COMMERCE IN COCA IS INTENDED TO PREVENT THE DIVERSION OF LEAF TO ILLICIT PURPOSES AS WELL AS TO DRIVE THE PRICE DOWN LOW ENOUGH THAT FARMERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SEEK ALTERNATIVE CROPS. IT IS IN THIS WAY THAT DINACO CONTRIBUTES TO OUR COCA ERADICATION PROGRAM. ESTABLISHING A FULL-TIME PRESENCE AT THE CHAPARE COCA MARKETS HAS LONG BEEN A KEY

OBJECTIVE FOR DINACO - BOLIVIA'S COCA CONTROL AGENCY. UNFORTUNATELY, FOR VARIOUS REASONS AND DESPITE SEVERAL ATTEMPTS, SUSTAINED CONTROL OF THE MARKETS HAS ELUDED DINACO. DURING MARCH, DINACO, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UMOPAR (RURAL NARCOTICS POLICE) AND THE U.S. FIELD ADVISOR, DEVELOPED AN OPERATIONAL PLAN TO AGAIN ASSERT REGULATORY CONTROL OVER THE MARKETS. THE OPERATION IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN LATE APRIL, AND SHOULD SERVE AS A LITMUS TEST OF THE GOVERNMENT'S READINESS TO PURSUE CN LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS DURING THE RUN-UP TO THE JUNE 6TH ELECTIONS.

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3. NAS/USIS SPONSOR SUCCESSFUL JOURNALIST CONFERENCE

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WORKING TOGETHER WITH USIS, NAS LA PAZ SPONSORED AN IMPORTANT JOURNALISM CONFERENCE APRIL 22-24. THE OVERALL STANDARD OF JOURNALISM IN BOLIVIA IS NOT HIGH, PARTICULARLY IN THE RURAL AREAS OF THE COUNTRY WHERE SO MUCH OF THE DRUG INTERDICTION EFFORT OCCURS. HOPING TO IMPROVE THINGS, OVER 40 JOURNALISTS WERE BROUGHT TOGETHER FOR A TWO-DAY CONFERENCE THAT INCLUDED SESSIONS ON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ALONG WITH CABINET-LEVEL BRIEFINGS ON ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT, DRUG INTERDICTION AND U.S. CN ASSISTANCE TO BOLIVIA. ATTENDEES WERE TREATED TO AN ON-SITE INSPECTION OF CN ACTIVITIES IN THE CHAPARE. THE SUCCESS OF THIS CONFERENCE HAS ALREADY BEEN DEMONSTRATED BY THE GENUINE EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE FROM PARTICIPANTS AND, MORE

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IMPORTANTLY, A SUBSEQUENT SERIES OF WELL-BALANCED ARTICLES. WE PLAN TO FOLLOW UP ON THIS SUCCESS WITH SIMILAR EFFORTS IN THE FUTURE. FIRST ON TAP, IS A PLANNED TOUR OF CN RIVERINE ACTIVITIES.

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4. CHEMICAL CONTROL: PLANNING FOR THE NEXT GOVERNMENT

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BOLIVIA'S NATIONAL DIRECTORATE FOR CHEMICAL P
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CONTROL CONTINUES PRODUCING EXCELLENT RESULTS. THE RECENT SUCCESSES OF THE OCIAQ POLICE UNIT WHICH INVESTIGATES PRECURSOR SMUGGLING WERE REPORTED LAST MONTH. MEANWHILE, THE CIVILIAN INSPECTORS WHICH VERIFY PRECURSOR USAGE BY LEGITIMATE COMPANIES HAVE BEEN ISSUING SEVEN TO EIGHT FINES PER MONTH FOR ASSORTED INFRACTIONS OF THE CHEMICAL CONTROL REGULATIONS, ACCORDING TO NATIONAL DIRECTOR, JUAN CARLOS MENDEZ FERRY. THERE WILL BE NATIONAL ELECTIONS ON JUNE 6TH,

AND MENDEZ IS ALREADY PREPARING TO TURN OVER THE REIGNS TO HIS EVENTUAL SUCCESSOR. HE ALSO INTENDS TO PROVIDE A FULL INVENTORY OF ALL SEIZED CHEMICALS AND AN UP-TO-DATE STATUS REPORT ON ALL INVESTIGATIONS TO NAS, SO THAT WE CAN ENSURE HIS SUCCESSOR PICKS UP WHERE HE LEFT OFF.

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5. COCA ERADICATION: LOTS OF EFFORT, LITTLE PROGRESS

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THE ERADICATION RATE DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1993 WAS POOR, WITH ONLY 882 HECTARES REDUCED. THE SLOW START ONCE AGAIN RAISES DOUBTS ABOUT BOLIVIA'S ABILITY TO REACH THE ANNUAL ERADICATION GOAL. THE SHORTFALL IS NOT FOR WANT OF TRYING, HOWEVER. THIS YEAR, DIRECO HAS ITS MOST THOROUGH AND PRACTICAL OPERATING PLAN EVER. DIRECO, NAS, AND USAID ARE COOPERATING MORE CLOSELY, TIEING VOLUNTARY REDUCTION DIRECTLY TO DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE. WE HAVE IDENTIFIED ABOUT 80 SYNDICATES, BASED ON PAST LEVELS OF REDUCTION, AMOUNTS OF COCA REMAINING, AND WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE. THESE SYNDICATES WILL BE OFFERED PARTICULAR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN EXCHANGE FOR A SPECIFIED LEVEL OF REDUCTION. IF THESE SYNDICATES AGREE WITH OUR PROPOSALS, AN ESTIMATED 2,500 HECTARES ABOVE AND BEYOND THE NORMAL AMOUNT OF ERADICATION WILL TAKE PLACE.

NOR HAS THE EMBASSY BEEN IDLE. THE COUNTRY TEAM HAS COLLECTED A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF INFORMATION, DETAILING THE POLITICAL POWER OF THE COCA-GROWING FEDERATIONS, THE NATURE OF COCA FARMING IN THE CHAPARE, THE PATTERNS OF PREVIOUS ERADICATION EFFORTS, AND THE EXTENT OF ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT. WITH THIS INFORMATION, AN ERADICATION PLAN WAS DEVELOPED THAT WILL, AS IT WERE, REWARD OUR FRIENDS AND PUNISH OUR ENEMIES. MUCH LIKE THE DIRECO PLAN, THE INTENTION IS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO SYNDICATES THAT AGREE TO ERADICATE, AND WITHHOLD SUPPORT FROM THOSE THAT DO NOT. OUR STRATEGY ALSO ENVISIONS AN ERADICATION "OPEN SEASON." FOR A

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SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME, THE GOB WILL INCREASE THE COMPENSATION PAID TO FARMERS WHO VOLUNTARILY REDUCE COCA. THIS EXTRA PAYMENT WILL BE PRESENTED AS A ONE-TIME, NOW-OR-NEVER DEAL, AND IS INTENDED TO PRODUCE A BURST OF VOLUNTARY ERADICATION.

WE ARE STILL AWAITING A GOB DECISION TO PROCEED WITH THE OPEN SEASON, AND THEREIN LIES A MAJOR PROBLEM AFFECTING REDUCTION EFFORTS - POLITICAL WILL. AFRAID

OF NEGATIVE PUBLIC REACTIONS, THE GOVERNMENT IS ESPECIALLY RELUCTANT TO MOVE FORWARD FORCEFULLY ON COCA ERADICATION DURING THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN PERIOD.

THERE ARE OTHER EQUALLY SIGNIFICANT FACTORS AFFECTING THE RATE OF ERADICATION. THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL ELECTIONS SEEM TO BE HAVING A DOUBLE IMPACT. FIRST, MOST FARMERS HAVE APPARENTLY DECIDED TO WAIT UNTIL A NEW GOVERNMENT COMES TO POWER BEFORE REDUCING THEIR COCA. AND WHY SHOULDN'T THEY? AFTER ALL, A NEW GOVERNMENT MIGHT TAKE A MORE BENIGN ATTITUDE. SECONDLY, SOME CANDIDATES, ESPECIALLY THE UNCONVENTIONAL MAX FERNANDEZ, ARE PROMISING ALL KINDS OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN AN EFFORT TO WIN VOTES. WHY SHOULD A COMMUNITY ERADICATE COCA IN EXCHANGE FOR POTABLE WATER IF MAX IS GOING TO GIVE IT TO THEM ANYWAY?

FINALLY, THERE ARE THE PRACTICAL MATTERS THAT MUST ALSO BE CONSIDERED. MUCH OF THE CHAPARE'S REMAINING COCA IS FOUND IN REMOTE PLOTS, OFTEN MEASURING LESS THAN ONE HECTARE IN SIZE. THE OWNERS OF THESE PLOTS ARE THE DIEHARDS, THEY HAVE HAD MORE THAN FIVE YEARS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DIRECO VOLUNTARY ERADICATION PROGRAM AND HAVE DECIDED NOT TO; GROWING COCA IS WHAT THEY DO,

PERIOD.

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6. STATUS OF POP PROJECTS

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COCA ERADICATION AND CONTROL:

- DIRECO BEGAN NEGOTIATIONS WITH KEY COCA-GROWING SYNDICATES. THE OBJECTIVE IS TO REACH AGREEMENTS THAT DIRECTLY LINK ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS TO PERFORMANCE ON COCA ERADICATION.

- DINACO: A PERMANENT LIAISON BETWEEN DINACO AND THE UMOPAR IN THE CHAPARE WAS ESTABLISHED. THE FIRST FRUIT OF THIS IS AN AGREEMENT TO RENEW EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH FULL CONTROL OF THE COCA MARKETS. THE JOINTLY PRODUCED OPERATIONAL PLAN AIMS AT ESTABLISHING 24-HOUR CONTROL OF THE FOUR MAJOR CHAPARE COCA MARKETS. IT WILL GO INTO EFFECT IN APRIL.

- DINACO BEGAN DAY-AND-NIGHT MOBILE PATROLS. THIS IS ANOTHER RESULT OF THE IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN DINACO AND UMOPAR. THE PURPOSE IS TO INTERDICT ILLEGALLY TRANSPORTED COCA.

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AIR OPERATIONS:

- ALL OPERATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR INM AND FMF-FUNDED AIR ASSETS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED UNDER A SINGLE MANAGER; THE NAS AIR OPS ADVISOR.

- SIX MORE HF RADIOS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED IN THE AIRWING'S UH-1 HELICOPTERS.

-- THE COUNTRY TEAM HAS AGREED TO DEDICATE FUNDS TO HARD-SURFACE THE CHIMORE RUNWAY AND TO BUILD A HARD SURFACE RUNWAY IN THE BENI. THESE EMBASSY PROPOSED INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS NOW REQUIRE GOB CONCURRENCE.

-- THE RDTF'S NIGHT TRAINING PROGRAM IS ON TRACK, AND PREPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY FOR THE UPCOMING NIGHT VISION GOGGLE (NVG) TRAINING PROGRAM.

-- THE RDTF, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE INM AIRWING AND U.S. CUSTOMS, IS IDENTIFYING MISSION ESSENTIAL TASKS IN ORDER TO PUT TOGETHER THE UNIT TACTICAL TRAINING PROGRAM.

-- ALL CONTRACTORS WHO SUPPORT CN AVIATION PROGRAMS - DYNCORP, BASSLER, TELEDYNE-BROWN, AND MARYLAND AIR - HAVE BEEN ASKED TO ASSESS THE FAB MAINTENANCE CAPABILITY.

7. COCA PRICES HEADING BACK UP

THE AVERAGE PRICE OF COCA AT KEY CHAPARE MARKETS HELD STEADY DURING MARCH, BUT REMAINS TOO HIGH TO SIGNIFICANTLY ENCOURAGE VOLUNTARY ERADICATION. 190 BOLIVIANOS IS SUFFICIENTLY HIGH TO DISCOURAGE VOLUNTARY ERADICATION. NOTE: THE PRICES IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE ARE IN BOLIVIANOS WITH DOLLAR EQUIVALENTS IN PARENTHESES.

MONTH	SINAHOTA	ETERAMAZAMA	IVIRGARZAMA
DEC 1992	180.33 (43.98)	123.67 (30.16)	182.33 (44.47)
1991	80.00 (21.26)	90.00 (24.05)	130.00 (36.31)
1990	50.00 (14.70)	55.00 (16.20)	50.00 (14.70)
JAN 1993	205.00 (49.76)	155.67 (37.78)	185.00 (44.90)
1992	110.00 (29.18)	70.00 (18.57)	110.00 (29.18)

	1991	91.61 (26.55)	81.45 (23.61)	80.32 (23.28)
FEB	1993	187.14 (45.09)	169.29 (40.79)	211.43 (50.95)
	1992	161.03 (42.49)	131.29 (34.64)	150.69 (39.76)
	1991	198.57 (56.57)	168.21 (47.92)	185.36 (52.81)
MAR	1993	212.90 (50.93)	169.35 (40.51)	188.71 (45.15)
	1992	185.74 (48.75)	177.41 (44.13)	168.15 (44.13)
	1991	254.60 (72.54)	229.20 (65.30)	234.40 (66.78)

NOTE: AVERAGE IS BS. 190.32 (USD 45.53)

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ROE IS BS. 4.18 - USD 1.00

CUMULATIVE REDUCTION STATISTICS AS REPORTED BY DIRECO
(FIGURES ARE IN HECTARES)

MONTH	CY 93	CY 92	CUMULATIVE CY 93	CUMULATIVE OVERALL
TOTAL FROM 9/1/87 TO 12/31/92				23,744.7
JANUARY	264.5	523.9	264.5	24,009.2
FEBRUARY	314.7	359.8	579.2	24,323.9
MARCH	303.0	249.7	882.2	24,626.9

CY 1992 ERADICATION BY CATEGORY

MONTH	COMPENSATED	UNCOMPENSATED	MONTHLY TOTAL
TOTAL 1992	4,975.3	174.0	5,149.3
JANUARY	254.3	10.2	264.5
FEBRUARY	302.3	12.4	314.7
MARCH	288.8	14.2	303.0

8. ERADICATION OF COCA SEEDBEDS

THE COCA CONTROL LAW MAKES CULTIVATION OF COCA SEEDBEDS BY PRIVATE PERSONS ILLEGAL. WHEN ENCOUNTERED, THEY MUST BE ERADICATED WITHOUT COMPENSATION OR THE GROWER ON WHOSE LAND THEY ARE FOUND IS INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR VOLUNTARY ERADICATION OF MATURE COCA. DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, 727.0 SQ. METERS OF COCA SEEDBEDS WERE ERADICATED. SEEDBED

ERADICATION IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE TOTALS FOR ERADICATION OF STANDING COCA.

MONTH	SEEDBEDS (SQ. M.)	CUMULATIVE REDUCTION ANNUAL	SINCE 10/88
JANUARY 1992	2,322.5	2,322.5	105,701.5
FEBRUARY	1,409.5	3,732.0	107,111.0
MARCH	769.0	4,501.0	107,880.0
APRIL	995.0	5,496.0	108,875.0
MAY	1,184.0	6,680.0	110,059.0
JUNE	1,558.5	8,238.5	111,617.5
JULY	4,236.5	12,475.0	115,854.0
AUGUST	3,303.5	15,778.5	119,157.5
SEPTEMBER	3,161.0	18,939.5	122,318.5
OCTOBER	2,494.5	21,434.0	124,813.0
NOVEMBER	1,414.5	22,848.5	126,227.5
DECEMBER	1,276.0	24,124.5	127,503.5
JANUARY 1993	962.0	962.0	128,465.5
FEBRUARY	922.0	1,884.0	129,387.5
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MARCH	727.0	2,611.0	130,114.5

9. 1993 CUMULATIVE SEIZURE STATISTICS REPORTED BY DEA

COMPLETE SEIZURE STATISTICS WERE NOT AVAILABLE WHEN THE FEBRUARY MONTHLY WAS PREPARED; CONSEQUENTLY, FEBRUARY'S STATISTICS WERE REPORTED VIA REFTEL. OUR RECORDKEEPING IS NOW UP-TO-DATE, AND THE FOLLOWING REPORT INCLUDES THE CURRENT STATISTICS FOR MARCH, AND COMPLETE YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE HAS BEEN COMPILED BASED UPON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE BOLIVIAN NATIONAL POLICE AND FROM REPORTS MADE BY DEA FOLLOWING AN ANALYTICAL COMPARISON OF THE TWO FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 1 THRU MARCH 31, 1993.

NARCOTICS	MAR 93	CY 1993 YTD	MAR 92
COCAINE HCL (KG)	0.0	48.3	81.3
COCAINE BASE (KG)	106.6	620.1	421.5
COCA PASTE (KG)	0.0	2.0	6.0
AGUA RICA (L)	540.0	2,504.0	2,176.0
-PASTE EQUIV.(KG)	143.0	686.8	580.3

AGUA RICA (BASE)	N/R	2,973.0	5,111.0
-BASE EQUIV.(KG)	N/R	2,973.0	5,111.0
COCA LEAF (KG)	8,120.0	33,093.0	7,622.1
LABORATORIES			
HCL:	0	2	2
BASE:	N/R	48	31
AGUA RICA PRODUCTION SITES:	68	203	N/A
PASTE:	N/A	N/A	104
PERSONS DETAINED:	142	282	233
EQUIPMENT			
AIRCRAFT:	3	6	1
VEHICLES:	18	30	3
GENERATORS:	0	0	1
ARMS:	2	7	10
CHEMICALS			
ETHER (L)	1,064.0	2,027.0	8.0

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ACETONE (L)	1,011.0	1,685.0	142.0
SULFURIC ACID (L)	4,652.0	7,185.0	880.0
BICARBONATE (KG)	355.0	1,701.0	585.0
LIME (L)	38,056.0	93,736.0	9,528.1

THE FOLLOWING TABLE COMPARES SEIZURE STATISTICS FROM JANUARY THROUGH MARCH OF CALENDAR YEAR 1992 WITH SEIZURE STATISTICS FROM JANUARY THROUGH MARCH OF CALENDAR YEAR 1993:

	JAN-MAR 1992	JAN-MAR 1993
COCA LEAF (KG)	37,525.5	33,093.0

COCAINE BASE (KG)	1,667.5	620.1
COCAINE HCL (KG)	186.1	48.3
AGUA RICA BASE (LT)	16,935.0	2,973.0
AGUA RICA	6,147.0	2,504.0
PASTE EQUIVALENT	1,639.0	686.8
BASE LABS (INCLUDING OPERATION GHOST ZONE)	133.0	48.0
PASTE LABS (INCLUDING OPERATION GHOST ZONE)	349.0	N/A
HCL LABS (INCLUDING OPERATION GHOST ZONE)	5.0	2.0
AGUA RICA PRODUCTION SITES	N/A	203.0
PERSONS DETAINED: (INCLUDING OPERATION GHOST ZONE)	343.0	282.0

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10. AIR OPERATIONS PROGRAM

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- THE RED DEVIL TASK FORCE FLEW 556 HOURS OF HELO TIME AND 260 HOURS OF CESSNA TIME DURING MARCH, WHILE MAINTAINING A VERY HIGH AVAILABILITY RATE IN BOTH AIRCRAFT TYPES (86 PERCENT FOR HELO'S, 98 PERCENT FOR CESSNA'S).

-- THE RDTF FLEW IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST-EVER DEPLOYMENT OF AN E-3 AWACS IN-COUNTRY. HELO/CESSNA DETACHMENTS WERE FORWARD BASED AT TRINIDAD AND SANTA ANA IN THE BENI, AND AT CHIMORE, SANTA CATALINA, AND AROMA IN THE CHAPARE TO GET REGIONAL COVERAGE OVER BOTH AREAS. PC-7'S WERE DEPLOYED TO CHIMORE AND TRINIDAD FOR INTERCEPT CAPABILITY.

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-- THE PC-7'S OF GRUPO 34 CELEBRATED THEIR ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF FLYING CN MISSIONS. THE A-III OF THE FAB, EQUIVALENT TO OUR DCSOPS, ATTENDED THE CEREMONY. THE EMBASSY WAS REPRESENTED BY THE DCM, THE NAS DIRECTOR, SENIOR AVIATION ADVISOR, AND MILGP AIR FORCE SECTION CHIEF.

-- NAS SENIOR AVIATION ADVISOR MET PRIVATELY WITH THE A-III TO COVER A RANGE OF ISSUES WITH HIM ON THE RDTF. THE AIII IS VERY SUPPORTIVE OF ALL AVIATION CN PROGRAMS. SEPARATE CABLE TO FOLLOW ON NAS/FAB RELATIONSHIP.

-- THE NAS DIRECTOR AND SENIOR AVIATION ADVISOR VISITED TRINIDAD, SANTA ANA, CHIMORE, AND SANTA CRUZ, TO VISIT THE FORWARD OPERATING LOCATIONS (FOL'S) AND FIXED BASE SITES.

A. FLIGHT HOUR USAGE -
UH-LH

OPS	MAINT	TRNG	VIS	MED TRANS	LOGISTICS	
TRINIDAD	206.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CHIMORE	181.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SANTA CRUZ	33.2	22.2	84.4	18.2	0.0	9.8
TOTAL	421.5	22.2	84.4	18.2	0.0	9.8

TOTAL FOR MARCH 556.1

CESSNA

	OPS	MAINT	TRNG	VIS	MED TRANS	LOGISTICS
TRINIDAD	106.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CHIMORE	65.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SANTA CRUZ	35.9	2.5	35.7	9.6	3.8	0.0
TOTAL	208.4	2.5	35.7	9.6	3.8	0.0

TOTAL FOR MARCH 260.0

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11. COMPARATIVE OPERATIONAL READINESS RATE AND HOURS

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I. UH-LH HELICOPTERS:

MONTH	OPERATIONAL READINESS 1992	OPERATIONAL READINESS 1993	HOURS FLOWN 1992	HOURS FLOWN 1993
JANUARY	83.0	83.0	296.3	296.0

FEBRU.RY	84.0	85.0	617.1	468.0

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MARCH	85.0	86.0	580.6	556.1
APRIL	82.0		632.0	
MAY	79.0		503.0	
JUNE	83.0		514.0	
JULY	79.0		430.0	
AUGUST	82.0		564.0	
SEPTEMBER	76.0		533.0	
OCTOBER	77.0		464.0	
NOVEMBER	75.0		496.9	
DECEMBER				
76.0		481.0		

II. CESSNA 206:

	OPERATIONAL READINESS		HOURS FLOWN	
MONTH	1992	1993	1992	1993
JANUARY	92.0	95.0	106.9	92.0
FEBRUARY	69.0	93.0	63.1	200.0
MARCH	99.0	98.0	165.4	260.0
APRIL	86.0		161.3	
MAY	92.0		149.7	
JUNE	89.0		119.0	
JULY	82.0		192.0	
AUGUST	87.0		141.7	
SEPTEMBER	81.0		155.2	
OCTOBER	97.0		257.3	
NOVEMBER	90.0		224.6	
DECEMBER	100.0		122.7	

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12. MAINTENANCE

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	UH-LH	C-206
MISSION CAPABLE	86	98
NON-MISSION CAPABLE MAINTENANCE	14	2
NON-MISSION CAPABLE SUPPLY	0	0
TOTAL HOURS	556.1	260
HOURS PER AIRFRAME	25.2	65
ACCIDENT-FREE HOURS	24,687.1	2,034.6

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POSITION	ON HAND	AUTHORIZED	REQUIRED
STATION MANAGER	1	1	1
SEC	1	1	1
INSTRUCTOR PILOTS	1	2	1
LOGISTICS	3	3	3
DATA ENTRY	1	1	1
QUALITY CONTROL/ MECHANICS	4	4	8
MECHANICS	5	5	5
TOTAL	16	17	20

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14. PILOTS AVAILABLE TO THE RDTF

	UH-LH	CESSNA	C-47	RDTF
INSTRUCTOR PILOTS	6	2	N/A	8
PILOTS-IN-COMMAND	27	9	N/A	36
PILOTS	27	6	N/A	33
STUDENT PILOTS	9	0	N/A	9
TOTAL PILOTS	64	17	N/A	81
TOTAL FLIGHT CREWS	26	8	N/A	34
TOTAL AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED	22	4	N/A	26

15. WATERWAYS LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WATERWAYS LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (WLE/RIVERINE) FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1993 FOLLOW:

(A) DURING THE PERIOD OF THE REPORT, FIVE (05) MAJOR WLE PATROLS WERE COMPLETED. THE PATROLS, WHICH VARIED IN LENGTH FROM 6 DAYS TO 23 DAYS, WERE CONDUCTED ON THE YACUMA, MAMORE, BENI, AND MADRE DE DIOS RIVER SYSTEMS. THESE PATROLS MAINTAINED HN LAW ENFORCEMENT PRESENCE AND INFORMATION COLLECTION IN THE BENI, PANDO, AND SANTA CRUZ REGIONS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. OF PARTICULAR NOTE WAS THE PATROLLING DONE ON REMOTE RIVERS INCLUDING THE MANIQUI, CUBERENE, MATOS, MANIQUISITO, APERE, GENESHUAYA, IVON, AND BIATA. PATROLS OF THIS NATURE ARE IMPORTANT TO OUR POLICY OF HELPING THE BOLIVIANS FOSTER LAW ENFORCEMENT PRESENCE ON A CONSISTENT BASIS IN REMOTE REGIONS. INFORMATION DEVELOPED DURING RIVER PATROLS THIS PERIOD LED DIRECTLY TO THE SEIZURE OF AN ETHER RECYCLING LABORATORY AND THE DISCOVERY OF TWO PREVIOUSLY UNDETECTED COCA PLANTATIONS IN THE BENI DEPARTMENT. ONE

IS LOCATED AT 11 DEGREES, FOURTEEN MINUTES SOUTH LATITUDE AND SIXTY-SEVEN DEGREES, FIFTEEN MINUTES WEST LONGITUDE. THE SECOND PLANTATION IS LOCATED AT ELEVEN DEGREES, FORTY MINUTES SOUTH LATITUDE AND SIXTY-SIX DEGREES, FIFTY MINUTES WEST LATITUDE NEAR THE RIO BENI WHERE COCA HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN KNOWN TO BE GROWN.

(B) OF THE TWENTY-T
WO (22) PATROL BOATS IN THE RIVERINE TASK FORCE (RTF), TWENTY (20) WERE AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONS DURING THE PERIOD EQUATING TO A NINETY-ONE (91) PERCENT OPERATIONAL READINESS STATE. THE TWO UNAVAILABLE BOATS WERE AT THE MAINTENANCE FACILITY IN TRINIDAD FOR HULL REPAIRS. NO REPORTABLE ENGINEERING CASUALTIES WERE EXPERIENCED DURING THE PERIOD. THIS HIGH STATE OF ENGINEERING READINESS ATTESTS TO THE SLOW BUT STEADY PROGRESS THE RTF HAS MADE DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS IN THE AREAS OF ENGINEERING AND LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT.

(C) THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BLUE DEVILS' OFFICE/COMMAND CENTER ON THE "BIM" IN TRINIDAD IS 95 PERCENT COMPLETE AND WILL BE READY FOR OCCUPATION IN APRIL. ADDITIONALLY,

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ARCHITECTURAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR A SCHOOL BUILDING AND A STUDENT BARRACKS RETROFIT PROJECT WERE AUTHORIZED AND WILL BE READY FOR PRESENTATION AND REVIEW IN APRIL.

(D) MILGRP-FUNDED CONSTRUCTION OF UPGRADED FACILITIES AT THE PUERTO VILLARROEL AND RIBERALTA BASES ARE ALMOST COMPLETE. THESE PROJECTS, WHICH INCLUDED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BARRACKS BUILDING, OFFICER HOUSING, BOAT MAINTENANCE BUILDING, AND MARINE RAILWAY, WILL ADD SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE RTF'S ABILITY TO SUPPORT INDEPENDENT OPERATIONS.

16. THE WLE PROGRAM ABSTRACT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 1993 FOLLOWS:

I.

TASK FORCES	OPS SORTIES/ HOURS	TRNG HOURS	LOGTS SORTIES	MAINT DAYS
TRINIDAD	32/720	64	0	95
PUERTO VILLARROEL	20/624	104	0	30

RIBERALTA	60/1704	00	01	32
GUAYARAMERIN	00/00	160	0	31

SUPPORT VESSELS

MS-341	0/00	N/A	0	00
MS-223	2/528	N/A	0	16
MS-224	2/504	N/A	0	06
PTE. BUSCH	0/00	N/A	0	00
MS-103	1/552	N/A	0	04

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	04/92	01	N/A	00

II. EMPLOYMENT MISSIONS

TASK FORCES	BOARDINGS	BLOCKADES	LAND INSERTS	LISTENING OPS
TRINIDAD	21	12	112	12
PUERTO VILLARROEL	32	00	62	02

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RIBERALTA	18	02	113	03
GUAYARAMERIN	00	00	00	00

(NOTE: TASK FORCE STATISTICS ARE TOTALS FOR ALL PATROL BOATS PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE BASES DENOTED. OPERATIONS MAY, OR MAY NOT, HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED WITHIN THE INDICATED BASE'S AREA OF OPERATION.)

WLE OPERATIONAL STATISTICS:

ARRESTS	01
RIFLES	07
AMMO	450 RDS
HF RADIOS	10
ETHER RECYCLING EQUIP	01

SULFURIC ACID	291 LTS
POTASSIUM	120 KGS
LIME	625 KGS

17. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE BOLIVIAN WLE TASK FORCE (RTF) AS OF MARCH 31, 1993:

TASK FORCES	OFFICIALS	SUB-OFFICIALS	SERGEANTS
TRINIDAD RTF HDQTS	04	04	00
TRINIDAD MAINT. FAC.	01	03	01
TRINIDAD	08	16	08
PUERTO VILLARROEL	04	02	06
RIBERALTA	05	05	06
GUAYARAMERIN	06	06	08
SUPPORT VESSELS	04	00	00

TOTAL PERSONNEL ASSIGNED: 97

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